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REMARKS – GeneralObjections to the Drawings:

The Office Action (OA) objects to the drawings. Specifically, the OA notes that FIG. 4 does not include reference designator 413, the specification does not include reference designators 203,207,304 and 404, reference designator 405 points to the wrong part in FIG. 3, and that one of the 411 reference designators does not point to the butterfly spring in FIG. 5. Applicants have corrected these inadvertent typographical errors by amending the drawings, which are attached, and the specification as noted above. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections.

Objection to the Specification:

The OA submits that the title, "Battery Latch", is non-descriptive. The OA suggests amending the title to "Rechargeable Battery Pack and Latch with Mechanisms for Coupling to a Host Device." To expedite the prosecution, Applicants have accepted the suggestion of the OA and have amended the title accordingly.

Claim Objections:

The OA objects to claims 10-14 as lacking antecedent basis for the term "the battery pack," because they refer to claim 9 which recited a "rechargeable battery pack." Applicants have amended the claims to include the word "rechargeable". Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102:

The OA rejects claims 1-5, 9 and 12 under §102 as being anticipated by Ferrell, US Pat. No. 4,213,078. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants note that the OA submits that element 20-2 of FIG. 3 in Ferrell is a spring retention post. Applicants respectfully submit that element 20-2 is not a spring retention post, but is rather a spring itself. Ferrell confirms this at col. 3, lines 16-18, when he states, "A connector spring 20-2 is also attached to the member 20 to connect the member 20 to the radio circuit provided on a printed circuit board." Emphasis added.

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Applicants respectfully submit that Ferrell fails to teach any spring retention posts, as are claimed by Applicants in claim 1. As Ferrell fails to teach all of Applicants' claimed limitations, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under §102 over Sharrah, US Pat. No. 6,633,152. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Just as noted above with respect to Ferrell, Applicants respectfully submit that element 84 in FIG. 9, which the OA submits is a spring retention post, is in fact a spring, and not a retention post. Sharrah confirms this at col. 4, lines 24-26 by saying, "A spring 84 is positioned between an interior surface of the charger 14 and the upper end 81 of the latch member 80." As Sharrah fails to teach all of Applicants' claimed limitations, specifically a spring retention post as recited in Applicants' claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103:

The OA rejects claim 8 under §103 as being unpatentable over Ferrell in view of Sharrah. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As noted above, Applicants submit that neither Ferrell nor Sharrah teaches a spring retention post as claimed by Applicants in claim 1, from which claim 8 depends. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of references fails to teach all of Applicants' claimed limitations. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome, and request reconsideration of the rejection.

The OA rejects claims 10 and 11 under §103 as being unpatentable over Ferrell in view of David, US Pat. No. 4,728,157. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

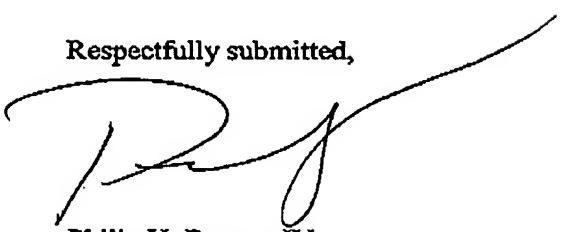
Applicants respectfully submit that David fails to teach a spring retention post. As noted above, Ferrell fails to teach the same. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of references fails to teach all of Applicants' claimed limitations. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome, and request reconsideration of the rejection.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants believe the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney of record to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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